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கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : புள்ளிவிவரம் எதுவாக இருந்தாலும் விவசாயிகள் டிராக்டர்கள் வேண்டுமென்று வற்புறுத்தி வருகிறார்கள். உழுகிற விவசாயிகளுக்குத்தான் டிராக்டர்களின் அருமை தெரியும்.

டாக்டர் ஏ. சீனிவாசன் : எவ்வளவு அப்ளிகேஷன், டிராக்டர்கள் வேண்டுமென்று கவர்ன்மெண்டுக்கு வந்திருக்கிறது ?

கனம் திரு. பி. கக்கன் : அத்தகவல் இப்போது என்னிடம் இல்லை.

Diarrhœa.

* 86 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Starred Question No. 263 on 28th August 1961—

(*a*) whether the Government have since located the cause of the outbreak of diarrhœa;

(*b*) if so, what it is?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) of (*b*) According to the preliminary report of the Epidemiological Unit of the All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health, Calcutta, the cause of the disease may be nutritional or dietary in origin, probably a manifestation of protein malnutrition.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, if the disease had been caused due to dietetic errors, how can it take the form of an epidemic in a particular district and the surrounding districts?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir any disease that is prevalent in a large measure is bound to be an epidemic.

Selection grade Assistant Surgeons

* 87 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts of selection grade Assistant Surgeons, if any, created;

(*b*) whether any rules have been framed for appointment as selection grade Assistant Surgeons; and

(*c*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) There are 60 posts of selection category Assistant Surgeons.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

(*c*) The rules provide that appointment to the posts shall be made by promotion from Assistant Surgeons in the general line.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is this selection category confined to people who are in the clinical side, or are the specialists, such as the Radiologists included in the list?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I have said, Sir, that these posts are only for doctors in the general line Specialists, such as Radiologists and Doctors in the venereal diseases department are not included in the selection category.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it not a piece of disservice to those doctors who have been selected for the specialists line when they are not given the benefit of promotion to this selection category posts while their counterparts in the general line are benefited by this scheme?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir, the doctors working as specialists in the various departments did not come under the general line and they had chances of promotion in their respective departments. The doctors working in the general department had no such chances and, therefore, this selection category was created and it was decided that the doctors in the Specialists' departments should not be included under this.

Commissioner of Madurai Municipality

* 88 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received about the frequent transfers of the Commissioner of Madurai Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : (*a*) & (*b*) In November 1961 the Madurai Municipal Council requested the Government that the order of transfer of Sri R. Jagadeesan, Municipal Commissioner, Madurai, should be cancelled. The Government, after careful consideration, declined to comply with the request.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : May I know, Sir, how many transfers were made during that year?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : From 24th August 1958 to 20th June 1961 Sri Sanjeeva Talwar was working as the Commissioner. After his retirement, Sri Jagadeesan was posted as the Commissioner. After his working there for about 3½ months, for administrative and other reasons, Madurai Municipality being a special grade municipality, an I.A.S. officer has been posted as the Commissioner.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.